MIT Global Startup Workshop (GSW) Constitution
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Article I: Mission

The mission of the MIT Global Startup Workshop (GSW) is to create a more efficient set of ecosystems around the world for commercializing new technologies and new business ideas. Ultimately, many of these technologies will change the world in ways that would drastically improve the quality of life for communities everywhere. To achieve more efficiency in this process, the MIT GSW brings together leaders in the entrepreneurial community from around the world through a yearly workshop to transfer know how and best practices in building and running the infrastructure to support early-stage entrepreneurship, to create the relationships and a community of experts in such processes, and to foster collaborations that tangibly impact and improve the state of entrepreneurship within local contexts.

The MIT GSW is the world’s premier conference on fostering entrepreneurship through supportive and catalytic infrastructure such as that epitomized by MIT’s entrepreneurial ecosystem. Each year, roughly 30 MIT students organize a 3 day conference in close collaboration with partners from a different host country in order to address issues facing students, academic faculty, venture capitalists, government leaders, entrepreneurs, and top business leaders. Since 1998, the MIT GSW has assisted directly with founding more than 15 new business plan competitions around the world and has contributed to the creation and growth of hundreds more.

Article II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this organization. One is considered a member of this organization in any given academic year if he or she has expressed strong interest in the club and has attended at least two meetings in the current academic year.
2. The organization’s membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT’s Nondiscrimination Statement.
4. If this organization charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students that cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Advisory Board

1. This organization shall have an advisory board formed by individuals with extensive experience in entrepreneurship:
   1. The MIT Entrepreneurship Center and the MIT School of Engineering
   2. Other senior members of the MIT community (professors, lecturers, deans)
   3. Former MIT GSW co-presidents.
2. Members of the advisory board shall be contacted on an individual basis whenever needed.

Article IV: Officers

1. This organization will have at least three officer positions:
   1. Co-Presidents (two or three students)
1. The co-presidents shall be the official representatives of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
2. The co-presidents will preside over all meetings.
3. The co-presidents are responsible for scheduling the meetings and publicizing this to the group.

2. Treasurer (one student)
   1. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
   2. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.

2. All officers of this organization must be MIT students.
3. The treasurer position can be held by one of the co-presidents.

4. Elections:
   1. New officers are appointed by the outgoing co-presidents, at the end of April.
   2. Any member of this organization is eligible to become an officer.
   3. The term of office runs from May until April of the following year.

5. Removal: Officers may be removed by suggestion of the advisory board.

**Article V: Meetings**

1. Between September and March, meetings shall be held every week. On occasion, additional meetings may be scheduled. During the rest of the year, meetings shall be scheduled as needed.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by any of the co-presidents.
3. All decisions shall be made by the officers, based on feedback from the members of the group and the advisory board.

**Article VI: Amendments**

1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by the current and previous co-presidents.
3. Approval from at least 5 individuals that fulfill the criterion in Article VI, Section 2 will be required for an amendment to pass.

**Article VII: ASA Governance Clause**

The MIT Global Startup Workshop agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.